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Dear Mr. Evans,

I hope you will understand my directness in respond to your 10/21 in which you say that you have resumed your research based on the bibliography of High Treason. I refer to it and his other books as High Trashes. He has strange ideas of what is fact and he cannot and does not distinguish between what is fact and what isn't even in his own interviews, which are carefully angled to elicit what he wants to believe and have believed. Thus he draws on the most undependable of sources. Most of the books are of unproven and unprovable theories by these who regard themselves as Perry Masons and lack knowledge of the basic facts that have been established.

You do not indicate the reason for your interest in Thornley other than from his worthless or worse Idle Warriors. I think it was also the title of that pamphlet of his palmed off as a book years ago.

I did get some FBI records on him but they are not now accessible to me. I'm 81, unwell, can't safely use stairs, and all those FOIA records are in my basement.

What I remember of those Thornley records is that he went to the FBI as soon as Oswald's name was mentioned and wanted to be an informer for it. It's New Orleans office had no use for him in that role and did not accept his offer.

Thornley just wanted and wants to be what he is not qualified to be, important.

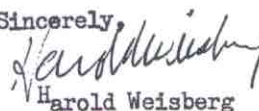
When the FBI had no interest in him and the Warren Commission began work he moved to the Washington area to be near it. He got a service or maintenance job in a nearby Virginia apartment house and when it became clear that he would get no fame, ~~that~~ way left the area. I've forgotten where he then went. I know he wound up in Tampa and when I last heard about him he was pumping gas.

I do not remember hearing of any Ferrie diary. I know the detectives who made the search under the search warrant and they made no mention of it.

Thanks for the offer of the tape but I have no interest in it. There were as I recall two arrests immediately after the assassination that show could have referred to. One was on the railroad tracks not far from the Plaza and the other was at a gas station.

I think that this arrest interest of yours is a waste of time and can yield nothing of any real value in learning anything about the assassination. That Livingstone indicates that it could be "important" reflects what I say above about him and his books. He is actually ignorant of the established fact. You'll see if he "surfaces" anything that can have any real meaning.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg